

Howard, Daniel

April 1, 1934

[Windsor Locks, CT]

[Howard no longer wishes to remain on
the Chapman mailing list]

[Note is written on the front of a
pamphlet describing the Chapmans'
sale of the John G. Mills Collection]

Announcement
OF THE
...Sale of the Collection...
OF
John G. Mills, Esq.

It is hardly worth while to continue
my name on your list.
I may desire something
more but will send
notice if I do.

THIS circular letter is sent to every collector who
has been on our mailing list and if it is received
by anyone who is no longer interested in the pursuit:
we trust he will kindly notify us to that effect. Those
ordering a catalogue or signifying their interest in
Numismatics will have the advantage of being entered
on our new mailing list and receive free catalogues of
other collections sold by us at auction

Very truly,

Daniel Howard,
Windsor Locks, Conn.

DEAR SIR —

Mr. John G. Mills, of Albany, has placed his splendid collection of coins of the United States in our hands for sale at auction, which we purpose holding on April 27th, -28th, -29th.

This collection is one of the finest of the coins of the United States that has ever been offered, on account of the completeness of the series represented and the superlative condition of the specimens. It equals in quality and interest our previous large sales of the Bushnell, Cleanev and Winsor collections. How rarely such a cabinet comes upon the market may be appreciated when we remember that it is over eight years since the sale of the Winsor collection.

This collection contains the Sommer Island XII, VI, II pence; fifty pieces of Massachusetts silver; Lord Baltimore coins; the unique Continental currency dollar in silver; early coins of the United States; Washington coins; coins of the States, including a fine series of Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York and New Jersey; coins of the United States after the establishment of the Mint; series of eagles, 1795 to 1804; quarter eagles; gold dollars; silver dollars, 1794 very fine, 1836 with Gobrecht signature in field, 1838-1839-1851-1852-; half dollars; quarter dollars; dimes; half dimes; cents; and half cents; all in the finest state of preservation, including all the rarities with one or two exceptions. Proof sets commencing with 1857. There are also a few Greek and Roman coins, a fine series of upwards of 200 recent foreign silver coins in the finest preservation. The list of coins on the plates given below will afford further enumeration of the rarities in the collection.

We have prepared a catalogue in quarto size, with broad margins and fine paper, in the style of our previous catalogues of the Bushnell, Cleanev, Warner and Winsor collections, etc., and on account of the cost of presenting the catalogue in this fine style, and to save waste, it is necessary for us to make a small charge for them, as in the previous instances above mentioned, of 50 cents for plain catalogue. This is not done to make a profit, as the price will just about cover the cost of postage, fifteen cents, the paper and binding, and we feel that as we are giving very full descriptions, so that it will form a work of reference, that the collectors receive more than value for their money. It might be mentioned that this is also the practice at the sale of large libraries.

We will also issue a catalogue illustrated with fourteen (14) plates of the finest and most important pieces, with the priced list to be sent after the sale, \$5. The plates contain the following, briefly summarized:

- Plate I, II, III. Fifty pieces of Massachusetts silver, the entire collection. Lord Baltimore coins; Chalmers; Standish Barry pieces; 1776 silver and pewter dollars; 1792 Washington half dollar in silver.
- Plate IV. The Colonial copper; Sommer Island pieces; Carolina Elephant; Rosa Americana Series; Virginia.
- Plate V. Early United States and Washington coins.
- Plate VI. Vermont, Massachusetts and Connecticut coins.
- Plate VII. New York, New Jersey and Kentucky coins.
- Plate VIII. Gold eagles and quarter eagles.
- Plate IX. Silver dollars, 1794, magnificent specimens of 1795, 1797, 1801, 1802, 1836 Gobrecht in field, 1838

- Plate X. Half dollars and quarter dollars. Half dollars 1796 one of the finest known, 1797 and others. Quarters 1796, 1804, 1805, 1806, 1807, 1815 all uncirculated, 1821, 1822, 1827, 1828 proofs.
- Plate XI. Dimes and half dimes. Specimens of many of these in uncirculated and exquisite degrees of preservation. 40 pieces represented on this plate.
- Plate XII, XIII, XIV. Cents and half cents, all in magnificent preservation.

The imprints of the plates 7 x 9 inches are filled with the coins, as many as possible being placed upon them. They represent 272 coins with their obverses and reverses, except one, which therefore equal 543 representations of coins, the largest number that has ever before been placed on a plate catalogue in this country.

We have abandoned the autotype process, as it was unsatisfactory and too uncertain, and employed that which we had in view in 1895 for the Brown collection, when the ignorant Treasury officials extended the law on counterfeiting to include the publication of Numismatic books and stopped our issuance of the plates for that collection; but last year the Senior member of the firm, single handed, secured the passage through Congress of an amendment to this law, exempting Numismatic books and circulars of legitimate dealers, and we are now again able to give the distant collector the opportunity of seeing with his own eyes, exact photographic images of the coins and a perpetual visual record of the collection. By this process we have secured finer work with absolutely perfect detail, than has heretofore been the result from any of the autotype processes. Collectors may use high power magnifying glasses, in fact we would advise the use of a large reading glass in looking at the plates and which could not be used on the autotype or half tone methods of printing. We believe we have finer results than have ever been published of photographs of coins. To obtain the white back-ground which has heretofore been used, it was necessary to paint out on the negative, the original surface surrounding the coins and the perfection of the outline of every coin depended on the care and steadiness of the hand that did the brush work. We have also abandoned this method of working and the coins are shown with their own original edges.

There are two more plates than were in our previous catalogues, but we place the price at the same:

The catalogue sent before the sale, price	-	-	\$0.50
The same sent before sale, a printed list of prices			
to be sent after sale	-	-	1.00
The same, with 14 plates, quarto, to be sent before			
sale; a price list after sale	-	-	5.00

The catalogues are now nearly completed and will be ready for distribution on April 1st or before and collectors are therefore requested to forward their orders with remittance on receipt of this letter.

S. H. & H. CHAPMAN,

Numismatists.

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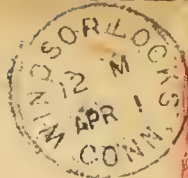
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AFTER FIVE DAYS, RETURN TO

DANIEL HOWARD,

WINDSOR LOCKS, - CONN.



S. H. & H. Chapman,

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